

portion of the Red River below Fulton, Arkansas, authorized by the Act of July 13, 1892 (27 Stat. 88, chapter 158), as amended by the Act of July 24, 1946 (60 Stat. 635, chapter 595), the Act of May 17, 1950 (64 Stat. 163, chapter 188), and the River and Harbor Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 731), is not authorized.

SEC. 6054. TENNESSEE COLONY LAKE, TEXAS.

The project for navigation, Tennessee Colony Lake, Trinity River, Texas, authorized by section 204 of the River and Harbor Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 1091), is not authorized.

SEC. 6055. CITY WATERWAY, TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

The portion of the project for navigation, City Waterway, Tacoma, Washington, authorized by the first section of the Act of June 13, 1902 (32 Stat. 347), consisting of the last 1,000 linear feet of the inner portion of the Waterway beginning at Station 70+00 and ending at Station 80+00, is not authorized.

SEC. 6056. KANAWHA RIVER, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

The project for bank erosion, Kanawha River, Charleston, West Virginia, authorized by section 603(f)(13) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4153), is not authorized.

SA 4677. Mr. CHAFEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. FOX POINT HURRICANE BARRIER, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **BARRIER.**—The term “Barrier” means the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, Providence, Rhode Island.

(2) **CITY.**—The term “City” means the city of Providence, Rhode Island.

(b) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANNUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall assume responsibility for the annual operation and maintenance of the Barrier.

(c) **IDENTIFICATION AND CONVEYANCE OF APPLICABLE LAND.**—

(1) **IDENTIFICATION.**—The City, in coordination with the Secretary, shall identify any land and structures required for the continued operation and maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, and structural integrity of the Barrier.

(2) **CONVEYANCE.**—The City shall convey to the Secretary, by quitclaim deed and without consideration, all rights, title, and interests of the City in and to the land and structures identified under paragraph (1).

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such funds as are necessary for each fiscal year to operate and maintain the Barrier (including repair, replacement, and rehabilitation).

SA 4678. Mr. CHAFEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. FIELDS POINT URBAN WATERFRONT RESTORATION, RHODE ISLAND.

The Secretary shall carry out the project for reclamation and environmental restoration of the waterfront around Fields Point, Rhode Island, at a total cost of \$5,000,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$3,250,000 and a non-Federal cost of \$1,750,000, including portions of the project relating to—

- (1) the removal of in-water pilings and other dilapidated marina structures;
- (2) shoreline stabilization;
- (3) the reintroduction of marine vegetation; and
- (4) general habitat restoration.

SA 4679. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 164, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 165, line 5, and insert the following:

(b) **FOLSOM DAM.**—Section 128(a) of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-103; 119 Stat. 2259), is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(2) in the second sentence, by striking “The Secretaries” and inserting the following:

“(2) TECHNICAL REVIEWS.—The Secretaries”;

(3) in the third sentence, by striking “In developing” and inserting the following:

“(3) IMPROVEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In developing”;

(4) in the fourth sentence, by striking “In conducting” and inserting the following:

“(B) USE OF FUNDS.—In conducting”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) **PROJECT ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS STUDY.**—The Secretaries, in cooperation with non-Federal agencies, are directed to expedite their respective activities, including the formulation of all necessary studies and decision documents, in furtherance of the collaborative effort known as the ‘Project Alternative Solutions Study’, as well as planning, engineering, and design, including preparation of plans and specifications, of any features recommended for authorization by the Secretary of the Army under paragraph (6).

“(5) **CONSOLIDATION OF TECHNICAL REVIEWS AND DESIGN ACTIVITIES.**—The Secretary of the Army shall consolidate technical reviews and design activities for—

“(A) the project for flood damage reduction authorized by section 101(a)(6) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 274); and

“(B) the project for flood damage reduction, dam safety, and environmental restoration authorized by sections 128 and 134 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (117 Stat. 1838, 1842).

“(6) **REPORT.**—The recommendations of the Secretary of the Army, along with the views of the Secretary of the Interior and relevant non-Federal agencies resulting from the activities directed in paragraphs (4) and (5), shall be forwarded to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure of the House of Representatives by not later than June 30, 2007, and shall provide status reports by not later than September 30, 2006, and quarterly thereafter.

“(7) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this section shall be deemed as deauthorizing the full range of project features and parameters of the projects listed in paragraph (5), nor shall it limit any previous authorizations granted by Congress.”.

SA 4680. Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 2020 and insert the following:

SEC. 2020. FEDERAL HOPPER DREDGES.

Section 3(c)(7)(B) of the Act of August 11, 1888 (33 U.S.C. 622; 25 Stat. 423), is amended by adding at the end the following: “This subparagraph shall not apply to the Federal hopper dredges Essayons and Yaquina of the Corps of Engineers.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the following nominations: Honorable Charles E. McQueary to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; Anita K. Blair to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Benedict S. Cohen to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army; Frank R. Jimenez to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy; David H. Laufman to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; Sue C. Payton to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; William H. Tobey to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Robert L. Wilkie to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2006, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on “Perspectives on Insurance Regulation.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine United States and India energy cooperation in the context of global energy demand, the emerging energy needs of India, and the role nuclear power can play in meeting those needs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on Islam and the West.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Oversight" on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Hart Senate Office Building Room 216.

Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Alberto Gonzales, The Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: S. 2590, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, Examining the Challenges the District will Face Today, Tomorrow, and in the Future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SMITH. I ask unanimous consent Barbara Quinones, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today's debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. On behalf of Senator BAUCUS, I ask unanimous consent that Thad Seegmiller, a Committee on Finance intern, be accorded floor privileges during consideration of the stem cell legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Anne Michael Langguth and Bryan Klopach be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Let Mon Lee, a senior fellow in Senator BOND's office, be given floor privileges during the consideration of S. 728.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on the minority staff, Caroline Ahearn and April Richards, legislative fellows, have floor privileges during the duration of the 109th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. I ask unanimous consent Kathleen Warner, Justin Contratto, and Patricia Castaldo, EPW Committee interns, have floor privileges during the duration and consideration of S. 728.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN DULY-AUTHORIZED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment the junior Senator from South Carolina be authorized to sign duly-enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TO EXEMPT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FROM THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PROVIDING SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5117 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5117) to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5117) was read a third time, and passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 403

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, July 20, at a time determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 16, S. 403, the Child Custody Protection Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to an hour, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; I further ask that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 728, the Water Resources Development Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DEWINE. Tomorrow we will resume consideration of the Water Resource Development Act. We hope to complete consideration of that bill tomorrow afternoon. Under the agreement, we have nine amendments in order, two of which we have disposed of today. Tomorrow will be a busy day as we finish our work on the remaining amendments.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DEWINE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 18, 2006: